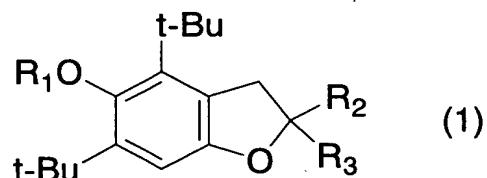


ABSTRACT

Herein provided is a novel pharmaceutical composition for ameliorating the vascular tone-regulating function of 5 vascular endothelium, comprising a compound represented by formula (1):



10 wherein

R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an acyl or arylalkyloxycarbonyl group; R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are identical or different and represent an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkenyl group or an 15 optionally substituted alkynyl group; or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> may together form a cycloalkyl group.